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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Third Coast Securities, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

802 N. Caranchahua, Suite 1650

(No. and Street)

Corpus Christi  
(City)

Texas  
(State)

78470  
(Zip Code)

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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

CF & Co., L.L.P.

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

14175 Proton Rd.  
(Address)

Dallas  
(City)

TX  
(State)

75244  
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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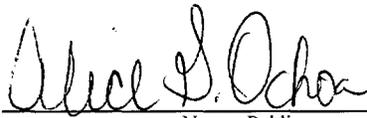
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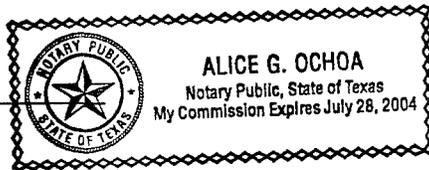
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, David F. Patton, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Third Coast Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2003, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- (o) Independent auditor's report on internal control

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Member  
Third Coast Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Third Coast Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in member's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Third Coast Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*CF & Co., L.L.P.*  
CF & Co., L.L.P.

Dallas, Texas  
March 9, 2004

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2003

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 32,427
Receivable from broker dealers	<u>34,683</u>
	<u>\$ 67,110</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 15,357
Accrued expenses – related party	<u>10,411</u>
	<u>25,768</u>
Member's equity	<u>41,342</u>
	<u>\$ 67,110</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Income  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

**Revenues**

Commissions income	\$ 280,287
Interest income	<u>605</u>
	<u>280,892</u>

**Expenses**

Commissions	182,596
Occupancy and equipment costs	1,835
Interest expense	94
Regulatory fees and expenses	9,762
Other expenses	<u>102,910</u>
	<u>297,197</u>

Net loss	<u>\$ (16,305)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Changes in Member's Equity  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Balance at December 31, 2002	\$ 57,647
Distributions	-0-
Net loss	<u>(16,305)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2003	<u>\$ 41,342</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated  
to Claims of General Creditors  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Balance, at December 31, 2002	\$ -0-
Increases	-0-
Decreases	<u>-0-</u>
Balance, at December 31, 2003	<u>\$ -0-</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

**Cash flows from operating activities**

Net loss	\$ (16,305)
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in receivable from broker dealers	3,882
Decrease in other assets	3,816
Increase in accounts payable	15,357
Increase in accrued expenses	10,411
Decrease in payable to clearing organization	(15)
Decrease in commission payable	<u>(2,825)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>14,321</u>

**Cash flows from investing activities**

Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>-0-</u>
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**Cash flows from financing activities**

Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>-0-</u>
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Net increase in cash	14,321
Cash at beginning of year	<u>18,106</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 32,427</u>

**Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information**

**Cash paid during the year for:**

Interest	<u>\$ 94</u>
Income taxes	<u>\$ -0-</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2003

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Third Coast Securities, LLC (the "Company"), was formed April 4, 2000. The Company is a broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). The Company operates under (SEC) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii). The Company is engaged in a single line of business as a securities broker-dealer, which comprises several classes of services, including principal transactions, agency transactions, investment advisory, and venture capital businesses. Substantially all of the Company's business is conducted with customers located throughout South Texas.

The Company operates as a Texas Limited Liability Company (L.L.C.) and has as a sole member, Abshier, Patton & Pettus, LLC (the "Parent") ("Its Member). Its Member has limited personal liability for the obligations or debts of the entity.

Proprietary securities transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled. Profit and loss arising from all securities transactions entered into for the account and risk of the Company are recorded on a trade date basis. Customers' securities transactions are reported on a settlement date basis with related commission income and expenses reported on a trade date basis.

Marketable securities are valued at fair value, as determined by quoted market prices, and securities not readily marketable are valued at fair value as determined by management.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Net Capital Requirements

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of approximately \$41,342 and net capital requirements of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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Note 2 - Net Capital Requirements, continued

indebtedness to net capital was .62 to 1. The Securities and Exchange Commission permits a ratio of no greater than 15 to 1.

Capital distributions to Its Member can be made under a capital distribution policy approved by the Company's board of directors. Periodic distributions approved by the board of directors are made to enable Its Member to pay federal income taxes on company profits, among other purposes.

Note 3 - Possession or Control Requirements

The Company does not have any possession or control of customer funds or securities. There were no material inadequacies in the procedures followed in adhering to the exemptive provisions of (S.E.C.) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) by promptly transmitting all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker who carries the customer accounts.

Note 4 - Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company and as such is consolidated for income tax purposes with its Parent. Its Parent is taxed as a partnership, therefore all taxable income or loss of the Company and its Parent are included in the income tax returns of the Parent's partners, therefore, no income tax expense or benefit is recorded.

Note 5 - Related Party Transactions

The Company and its Parent are under common control and the existence of that control creates operating results and financial position significantly different than if the companies were autonomous.

Under a services agreement the Parent provides the Company with personal property, support staff and office space. The Parent incurs general and administrative expenses on behalf of the Company. For providing these services, the Parent is entitled to receive compensation from the Company on a monthly basis upon presentation of a monthly invoice which includes a breakdown of expenses being billed. The services and support agreement is automatically renewed on a year-to-year basis unless terminated by written notice not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of an annual term. The Company incurred under this agreement \$72,376 (included in other expenses) of which \$10,411 was payable at December 31, 2003.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2003

Note 6 - Concentrations

The Company derives approximately 19% of its revenues from a single client and approximately 60% of its revenues from its four largest clients.

Note 7 - Commitment and Contingencies

Included in the Company's clearing agreement with its clearing broker-dealer, is an indemnification clause. This clause relates to instances where the Company's customers fail to settle security transactions. In the event this occurs, the Company will indemnify the clearing broker-dealer to the extent of the net loss on the unsettled trade. At December 31, 2003, management of the Company had not been notified by the clearing broker-dealer, nor were they otherwise aware, of any potential losses relating to this indemnification.

Supplementary Information  
Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
As of December 31, 2003

## Schedule I

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission  
As of December 31, 2003

### COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

Total member's equity qualified for net capital	\$ 41,342
Add:	
Other deductions or allowable credits	<u>-0-</u>
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	41,342
Deductions and/or charges	<u>-0-</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	41,342
Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to rule 15c3-1(f))	<u>-0-</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 41,342</u>

### AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

Items included in the statement of financial condition	
Accounts payable	\$ 15,357
Accrued expenses – related party	<u>10,411</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 25,768</u>

**Schedule I (continued)**

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission  
As of December 31, 2003

**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ 1,719</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Net capital in excess of required minimum	<u>\$ 36,342</u>
Excess net capital at 1000%	<u>\$ 38,765</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.62 to 1</u>

**RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION**

The following serves to reconcile differences in the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 from the Company's computation.

Net capital per Company's unaudited Focus II report	\$ 54,581
Increase in accounts payable	<u>(13,239)</u>
Net capital per audited report	<u>\$ 41,342</u>

**Schedule II**

THIRD COAST SECURITIES, LLC  
Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under  
Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission  
As of December 31, 2003

**EXEMPTIVE PROVISIONS**

The Company has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (k)(2)(ii), in which all customer transactions are cleared through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis.

Company's clearing firm:      Pershing LLC

Independent Auditor's Report

On Internal Control

Required By SEC Rule 17a-5

For the Year Ended  
December 31, 2003



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Member  
Third Coast Securities, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Third Coast Securities, LLC (the "Company"), for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives.

Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has

responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Member, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and should not be used for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CF & Co. L.L.P.", is positioned above the printed name of the firm.

CF & Co., L.L.P.

Dallas, Texas  
March 9, 2004